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## PERIODICALS

The REVIEW is indebted to Robert F. Foerster for abstracts of articles in Italian periodicals, and to R. S. Saby for abstracts of articles in Danish and Swedish periodicals.

### Theory

(Abstracts by W. M. Adriance and A. N. Young)

CHAPIN, F. S. *The experimental method and sociology*. Sci. Mo., Feb., 1917. Pp. 12.

The first of a series. The present article deals with the utopian community experiments at New Harmony, Brook Farm, etc.

CLARK, J. M. *Business acceleration and the law of demand: a technical factor in economic cycles*. Journ. Pol. Econ., Mar., 1917. Pp. 19.

A study of the way in which variations in the demand for finished product are reflected back to (more extreme and sudden) variations in demand for "equipment" or "means of production." In the mechanics of this latter demand Professor Clark finds a significant part of the explanation of crises.

ELLWOOD, C. A. *Objectivism in sociology*. Am. Journ. Sociol., Nov., 1916. Pp. 16.

A criticism of the objectivist position that "the scientist has no right to explain human phenomena by, or take refuge in, the mind." This is not accepted by Professor Ellwood, who holds that "to describe social processes partly in objective and partly in subjective terms, is exactly the procedure which we must adopt."

FISHER, I. *The rate of interest after the war*. Ann. Am. Acad., Nov., 1916. Pp. 8.

Will tend to rise, both in Europe and in the United States.

FITE, W. *Moral valuations and economic laws*. Journ. Philosophy, Psychology & Scientific Methods, Jan. 4, 1917. Pp. 23.

The inaugural lecture of Professor Fite as professor of ethics at Princeton University. Emphasis is placed upon personal, moral, and social factors in our economic life, as contrasted with the alleged domination of entirely impersonal economic "laws."

JEVONS, H. S. *The relation of economic science to social progress*. Indian Journ. Econ., Apr., 1916. Pp. 38.

The substance of a lecture delivered at the central Hindu College, Benares. An application of economic reasoning to Indian problems.

MITCHELL, W. C. *Wieser's theory of social economics*. Pol. Sci. Quart., Mar., 1917. Pp. 32.

A review of Wieser's *Theorie der Gesellschaftlicher Wirtschaft*, published in 1914. The first review of this book available for English readers. Professor Mitchell says that the book "sums up, systematizes and extends the doctrines previously worked out by the author, his master and his fellow disciples," and that "in the literature of the Austrian School it merits the place held by Mill's *Political Economy* in the literature of the Classical School."

PIGOU, A. C. *Interest after the war and the export of capital.* Econ. Journ., Dec., 1916. Pp. 12.

Interest rates may be expected to be somewhat higher even if export of capital is restricted or prohibited. If export is left free, rates are likely to be much higher.

PUCCINI, R. *L'etica religiosa e l'economia sociale.* Riv. Intern., Nov., 1916. Pp. 19.

VINER, J. *Some problems of logical method in political economy.* Journ. Pol. Econ., Mar., 1917. Pp. 25.

Advocates the joint use of induction and deduction in economic reasoning.

*Problems of economic instruction. Papers read at the eleventh conference of the Western Economic Society, held at the University of Chicago, November 10 and 11, 1916.* Journ. Pol. Econ., Jan., 1917.

Includes the following articles: "Courses in economics and methods of instruction at Northwestern University" (pp. 10), by F. S. Deibler, which gives special attention to the work in commerce, and to the seminar method of developing the research spirit on the part of selected seniors; "The place of economic theory in graduate work" (pp. 9), by J. A. Field, which asserts that economic theory should not be a thing apart from other economic studies but should mean "the organization of scientific knowledge" and not "the impalpable substance of abstruse reflection"; "Graduate work in economics" (pp. 7), by W. F. Gephart, which claims that training in organization of material and in generalization is more important than mere fact gathering; "The relation of law and economics" (pp. 11), by E. A. Gilmore, which shows that, because the sciences of law and economics are so intimately related, students of economics should have broader training in the basis subjects of law; "The Amherst program in economics" (pp. 13), by W. H. Hamilton, which is a broad discussion, in outline form, of the program in economics in its relation to the college curriculum as a whole; "The relation of engineering to economics" (pp. 5), by J. F. Hayford, which states that a general course in economics, not specially adapted, broadens the field of outlook of the engineering student; "Economics and the science of business" (pp. 5), by E. D. Howard, which maintains that theoretical economics is not the basic science of business; "Graduate work in preparation for teaching" (pp. 7), by F. L. McVey, the theme of which is that less attention be given to mere descriptive material and more to history, contact with practical problems, and "the essential groundwork of theory"; "A balanced curriculum in business education" (pp. 22), by Leon C. Marshall, which presents the belief that the elementary courses in economics should be followed by a series of "functional immediate courses," then by advanced courses, business administration being stressed throughout. "Business training—if the economist chooses frankly to coöperate with it—can give to the economist the community respect he desires."

## Economic History, United States

(Abstracts by E. L. Bogart)

ALDRICH, O. W. *Slavery or involuntary servitude in Illinois prior to and after its admission as a state.* Journ. of Ill. State Hist. Soc., July, 1916. Pp. 17.

A discussion primarily of the constitutional and legal provisions concerning slavery.

BAKER, H. E. *The negro in the field of invention.* Journ. Negro Hist., Jan., 1917. Pp. 17.

An interesting account of the contributions made by negroes to inventions, by an assistant examiner in the United States patent office.

BARBA, P. A. *The General Swiss Colonization Society.* German-American Annals, Dec., 1916.

The society was organized in Cincinnati in 1857 and purchased 4000 acres of land in Indiana, where it laid out Tell City.

BRADLEE, F. B. C. *The Eastern Railroad: an historical account of early rail-roading in eastern New England.* Essex Inst. Hist. Coll., Jan., 1917.

A continuation of an interesting and valuable study.

CARROLL, M. P. *The influence of missions on present-day California.* Univ. Calif. Chronicle, Oct., 1916.

CLARK, D. E. *Recent liquor legislation in Iowa.* Iowa Journ. Hist. & Pol., Jan., 1917. Pp. 29.

A short historical account of temperance legislation since 1850, but with special emphasis on the period since 1909.

COONC, E. A. *Reminiscences of a pioneer woman.* Wash. Hist. Quart., Jan., 1917. Pp. 9.

Covers the period from 1847 to about 1884.

COTTERILL, R. S. *Southern railroads and western trade, 1840-1850.* Miss. Valley Hist. Rev., Dec., 1916.

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COULTER, E. M. *Effects of secession upon the commerce of the Mississippi Valley.* Miss. Valley Hist. Rev., Dec., 1916.

DEWAVRIN, M. *Les Etats-Unis d'Amérique et le conflit européen: le mouvement économique.* Rev. Pol., Oct. 15, 1916. Pp. 28.

An account of the industrial, commercial, and financial developments in the United States during the years 1914-1916.

DODD, W. E. *The social and economic background of Woodrow Wilson.* Journ. Pol. Econ., Mar., 1917. Pp. 25.

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A brief account of the slave trade from the beginning of the eighteenth century to the present day.

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FOSTER, H. M. *Memories of the national road.* Ind. Mag. of Hist., Mar., 1917. Pp. 8.

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HANSEN, F. *The great handcart train from Iowa City to Salt Lake City.* Journ. of Hist., Oct., 1916.

HEBARD, G. R. *The first white women in Wyoming.* Wash. Hist. Quart., Jan., 1917. Pp. 4.

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HOBBS, F. W. *Textiles—the backbone of New England.* Bull. Nat. Assoc. Wool Mfrs., Jan., 1917. Pp. 26.

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BIGGAR, E. B. *Government ownership v. private ownership of railways in Canada.* Journ. Pol. Econ., Feb., 1917. Pp. 35.

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BOIES, O. H. *Life insurance companies' investments of the decade 1904-1914 analyzed, classified, compared and shown in their relation to the general economic progress of the United States during the same period.* Econ. Wld., Jan. 27, 1917. Pp. 3.

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CLARK, I. D. *Permanent partial disabilities under the workmen's compensation acts.* Econ. Wld., Mar. 31, 1917. Pp. 4.

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Review of the history of health insurance, with explanation of actuarial features.

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Use of the formula in testing representative data.

FISHER, I. *The need for health insurance.* Am. Labor Legis. Rev., Mar., 1917. Pp. 15.

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JONES, J. P. *Workmen's compensation*. Univ. Arizona Bull., Jan. 16, 1917. Pp. 19.

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LAMBERT, A. *Medical organization under health insurance*. Am. Labor Legis. Rev., Mar., 1917. Pp. 14.

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LASKER, B. *The British system of national unemployment insurance in its relation to other methods of dealing with unemployment*. Econ. Wld., Jan. 13-20, 1916.

Summary of study published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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LUNGER, J. B. *The problem of cash surrender values and cash loans*. Ann. Am. Acad., Mar., 1917. Pp. 8.

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MORTIMER, J. D. *Pensions and minimum wage laws*. Elec. Ry. Journ., Feb. 17, 1917. Pp. 5.

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Proposes the grouping of accidents experienced, by causes, and computing total pure premium from sectional computations.

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RIEGEL, R. *Rate-making organizations in fire insurance.* Ann. Am. Acad., Mar., 1917. Pp. 27.

Legislation to enforce competition has been ineffective and must be replaced by coöperation.

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RUBINOW, I. M. *Health insurance through local mutual funds.* Am. Labor Legis. Rev., Mar., 1917. Pp. 9.

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RUGGLES, C. O. *The proposal of the Carnegie Foundation for Teachers' Insurance.* Journ. Pol. Econ., Mar., 1917. Pp. 8.

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*Health insurance officially endorsed.* Am. Labor Legis. Rev., Mar., 1917.

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An appreciative sketch of the life of the author of that monumental work, *Life and Labour of the People in London.*

BRIGGER, G. *A study of twenty-five repeaters at the associated charities, Portland, Oregon.* Journ. Delinquency, Sept., 1916.

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CHRYSOSTOM, S. J. *Sermon on alms; delivered at Antioch after passing through the market-place in the winter-time and seeing the paupers and beggars lying there neglected.* Studies in Social Work, No. 10, The New York School of Philanthropy, Feb., 1917. Pp. 24.

A translation by Margaret M. Sherwood from the parallel Greek and Latin text of the Abbé Migne, in volume 51 (p. 260-271) of his *Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Graeca.*

SIMKHOVITCH, M. K. *The city's care of the needy.* Nat. Munic. Rev., Mar., 1917.

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*Report on the distribution of alms in Stepney.* Charity Organ. Rev., Mar., 1917.

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CATTELL, J. McK. *Families of American men of science.* Sci. Mo., Mar., 1917. Pp. 15.

Marriages and number of children. Interesting results, not very well organized.

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DRAGE, G. *The reorganization of official statistics and a central statistical office.* Journ. Royal Stat. Soc., Jan., 1917. Pp. 35.

On statistical reorganization after the war. Need of coördination of official statistics, of a central statistical office, and of an adequate statistical year book. With discussion by A. L. Bowley, J. C. Stamp, H. V. Reade, S. G. Warner, J. Baker, and B. Mallet.

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FISKE, C. N. *Forty-five years of U. S. naval morbidity statistics of degenerative disorders.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Dec., 1916. Pp. 7.

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FORSYTH, C. H. *Interpolation of ordinates and areas among areas.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Dec., 1916. Pp. 8.

An account of some simple methods of interpolation by means of finite differences.

GAHN, H. *Förmögenhets—och inkomst förhaallandena i rikets olika delar enligt 1913 aars taxering.* Ek. Tids., No. 2, 1916. Pp. 31.

A careful analysis of the relation of property to income in the different parts of Sweden according to the statistics of 1913.

GEHLKE, C. E. *On the correlation between the vote for suffrage and the vote on the liquor question.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Mar., 1917. Pp. 9.

High correlation found between votes for suffrage and for prohibition in Cleveland.

GILLETTE, J. M. *A study in social dynamics: a statistical determination of the rate of natural increase, and of the factors accounting for the increase of population in the United States.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Dec., 1916. Pp. 36.

A praiseworthy and painstaking attempt to estimate the rate of natural increase of the population of the United States for the decade 1900-1910, together with special inquiries into rural increase, rural migration, and interdivisional migration. Involves, of necessity, the use of some exceedingly questionable estimates.

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KOHS, S. C. *The intelligence quotient and borderlinity.* Journ. Delinquency, Jan., 1917. Pp. 9.

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An account of an enormous amount of pioneer work in the field of sanitary statistics. Assigns Miss Nightingale "a position in the history of social statistics next to those occupied by Quetelet and Farr."

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KREHBIEL, E. *Geographic influences in British elections.* Geog. Rev., Dec., 1916. Pp. 14.

A study of the distribution of votes in the eight general parliamentary elections since 1885. With excellent colored map and key-chart.

LE ROY, J. *Desarrollo de estadística demográfica en la Isla de Cuba.* Ref. Soc. (Cuba), Sept.-Oct.-Nov., 1916. Pp. 14, 26, 17.

The development of statistical agencies and methods in Cuba.

LIVA, L. *Osservazioni critiche sulla interpolazione di serie statistiche in demografia.* Riv. Intern., Oct., 1916. Pp. 13.

MALLET, B. *The organization of registration in its bearing on vital statistics.* Journ. Royal Stat. Soc., Jan., 1917. Pp. 30.

Presidential address before the Royal Statistical Society, by the Registrar-General. The registration record should be "a more complete documentary identification of the individual," and should "point directly to the previous step in the family history." The public health service should be utilized in the work of registration and the existing administrative divisions should supplant the old Poor-Law areas. A quinquennial census is advocated.

MARCH, L. *Le mouvement des prix de gros depuis 1914, avec rappel du mouvement général des prix depuis 125 ans.* Bull. Stat. Gén., Oct., 1916. Pp. 22.

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M. H. *Coût de la vie.* Bull. Stat. Gén., July, 1916. Pp. 4.

Increase of cost of living in Switzerland, from June, 1914, to June, 1916, was about 40 per cent. In the October number of the same journal there is an account of a recent Austrian inquiry.

M. H. *Tables de mortalité (Norvège), 1901-02 to 1910-11.* Bull. Stat. Gén., July, 1916. Pp. 2.

Review of new Norwegian life tables contracted by Rygg.

OGBURN, W. F., and KELLY, E. *Wages in American cities.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Sept., 1916. Pp. 5.

Other tests confirm the substantial accuracy of 37 cities with respect to the average union wages paid in 10 trades.

ROTH, H. L. *The application of statistics to advertising and marketing.* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Dec., 1916. Pp. 30.

The use of statistics in planning advertising campaigns and checking their results.

SAVORNAN, F. *L'ammontare e la composizione della ricchezza in Italia e nelle sue regioni*. Riv. Ital. di Soc., May-Aug., 1916. Pp. 17.

Chiefly an analysis of a recent book by Gini.

STONE, N. I. *Need of standardization of methods for measuring regularity of employment*. Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Sept., 1916. Pp. 6.

A tabulation by the writer of fluctuations of employment and wages (Bulletin 146 of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics) gave misleading results, because conditions in each week were represented by a per cent of conditions in the busiest week of the year for the industry as a whole instead of for individual shops.

WATKINS, G. P. and LUBARSKY, L. H. *Consumption of gas as affected by population*. Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Dec., 1916. Pp. 12.

An able study, utilizing statistics of gas consumption in Manhattan Borough in successive years and in various localities in Massachusetts in 1910. Consumption varies, of course, inversely with price, and price varies inversely with population, but it seems probable also that "mere aggregation of population does tend to increase gas consumption somewhat."

WESTERGAARD, H. *Scope and method of statistics*. Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Sept., 1915. Pp. 44.

An important paper. Comprises a masterly summary of the history of statistics, a plea for the larger use of "representative statistics" (samples), a discussion of the margin of error and of the validity of conclusions drawn from imperfect statistics, considerations respecting the use of the law of error (in its binomial form), an insistence upon the necessity of resolving statistics into homogeneous groups before drawing inferences from them, an exposition of the utility of certain simple mathematical methods, and an expression of skepticism with reference to the utility of highly-elaborated mathematical methods. With introduction by W. F. Willcox, and comment by W. M. Persons, J. H. Parmelee, C. J. West, and G. P. Watkins.

YOUNG, A. A. *Do the statistics of the concentration of wealth in the United States mean what they are commonly assumed to mean?* Quart. Pubs. Am. Stat. Assoc., Mar., 1917. Pp. 14.

No single measure of "concentration" is adequate. The "skewness" of income distribution is more significant. Annual accruals of appreciation should be counted in income statistics. Probate records do not reflect the distribution of wealth among the living population.

*Enquête sur les prix de vente au détail de certaines denrées dans les villes françaises de plus de 10,000 inhabitants*. Bull. Stat. Gén., July, 1916. Pp. 20.

Results of questionnaires sent to the officials of French cities. An average for eleven principal articles of consumption (weighted according to importance in workingmen's budgets) shows a rise of about 40 per cent between October 1, 1914, and July 1, 1916.

*Mouvement économique général*. Bull. Stat. Gén., July, Oct., 1916.

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